Boston, Mass^tts Feb. 19, 1850.

My dear Mr. Webb,

I have been occupied all day (as well as last evening) in preparing and packing a box, which tomorrow is to go on board the Packet Ship Plymouth Rock for Liverpool, directed to yourself, the Foreign Agent of the National Antislavery Bazaar, and I hope you will receive it seasonably & safely. ~~Upon~~ Within one of the bundles you will find ~~a~~ letters to you from E. Quincy, and Wendell Phillips, & ~~Nathan Allen~~, one from myself, in which I endeavored to reply to the queries you put to me some time since respecting Theodore Parker. The parcels & packages consist mainly of Annual Reports of the Mass. Antislavery Society - just published, Bazaar Gazettes, & Mr. Bowditch's admirable work entitled "Slavery & the Constitution", which however is even more comprehensive than its title indicates, inasmuch as it gives a very particular view of the ecclesiastical, church, or "religious" aspect of ~~the~~ Slavery. I have also sent to you (as well as to some others) a few copies of last year's "Liberty Bell", thinking you may know of persons who will be pleased to possess the work (if they have never seen it); - you are aware that we had no "Bell" this year.

I have put the bundles together, as far as I could understandingly; by which I mean, as in the case of the various Bristol parcels, that

I have put them all into one, when I felt sure of the one person to whom I could, with most propriety, address them. — There are several parcels for London, to Dr. Hutton, Mr. Lalor, Mr. Wood, &c. but they remain separate, as I knew not to whom to address them — and this part of the labour we must devolve upon you. But I suppose you ~~must~~ have had abundant experience of this sort of thing in past years, and know just what to do. Some extra copies of Bowditch's work, Bazaar Gazettes, etc. you will please distribute according to your best judgment. I shall be happy to learn from you of the box's safe arrival. If you write, will you please give me your number in Great Brunswick St.

In answering (in my letter to you, now in the box) one of your inquiries as to who are Theo. Parker's chief & intimate associates, I mentioned Horace Mann, and considerably eulogized his labours as Secretary of the Board of Education of this State for many years. He was, indeed, very devoted to his work, & made many sacrifices for it, but even in that his course was not entirely free from some unworthy, & rather cowardly features. But I speak of him now because he has lately pursued, in his present capacity as a Member of Congress from Mass.tts,

what, with our present understanding of it, we must think a very base course indeed. In a late speech in Congress he spoke of the Northern old school Abolitionists with "reproach" because they seek a dissolution of the Union, & represented them as "few and feeble"; he subsequently presented it to the Southern men as an argument in favour of their clinging to the Union that, in the event of disunion, all their difficulties would be tenfold increased - Your Slaves, he said, "could escape with more facility than they now do into the free States x x the slaves would find a Star in the East, which they would worship with Chaldean homage", &c. &c. thus arguing to the slaveholder, in one breath, that the existing Union subserved his interests, and that its overthrow would be exceedingly detrimental to those interests, and in another denouncing the abolitionists, who seek the dissolution of such this Compact & Union on the very ground that it is the slaveholders' strong tower & main protection. - Is not this base in Horace Mann? He shows that he sees & knows that the Union is the slaveholders' strong arm; he offers the fact to the slaveholder as a reason for continuing in the Union; and then he "reproaches" the Northern men who are for having this "aid & comfort" to the slaveholder cease! Mr. Mann has done two or three other things, in the present Congress, which have greatly alienated the regards of many former friends & Supporters. - I wanted to say this to you, that I

might not, by my letter of last evening, express an admiration for him which I am far from feeling now, as once I did. I look back upon his labours for Education (for the most part) & in behalf of our Institutions for the Insane and the Blind, with high respect. All the more do I wonder to see him stoop so low to the veriest tyrants on the face of the earth, who are shutting the light of education, systematically & boastingly, from the minds of 8 million people, compelling them to mental & moral blindness, and to that intellectual poverty & grossness which is little better than downright insanity.

This makes nigh 12 pages (!!) that I have written to you in 24 hours. You will be reminded of an old proverb "it never rains but it pours." Now I will stop, with assurances of my high regard for those whom I still remember as my Dublin friends. My brother who was in D. with me in 1843 is well. Most truly, Yours,

Sam'l May Jr

Feb. 20. A.M.

I consign the box to George Wright & Co. Liverpool, paying the freight to L. – (George Wright & Co.)

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